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1. STOCKHOLM CITY COUNCIL MAY 20 ADOPTED MOTION
"RECOMMENDING THAT CONCERNED AGENCIES AND AUTHORITIES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE NOT RPT NOT BUY GRAPES AND LETTUCE FROM U.S. GROWERS WHO HAVE NOT RPT NOT SIGNED AGREEMENTS WITH THE UNITED FARM WORKERS (UFW)." CITY AGENCIES PURCHASE CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF LETTUCE AND SOMEWHAT LESS GRAPES FOR EXTENSIVE SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM AND INSTITUTIONAL USE.

2. RESOLUTION WAS PROPOSED BY SOCIAL DEMOCRATS (SAP) AND SUPPORTED BY CENTER PARTY AND COMMUNISTS (VPK). REASONS GIVEN FOR RESOLUTION WERE (1) EXPRESSION OF SOLIDARITY WITH "LOWEST-PAID AND MOST EXPLOITED GROUP IN U.S.", AND (2) ASSURANCE THAT INSECTICIDE-FREE LETTUCE WOULD THEREBY BE PURCHASED. LIBERAL AND CONSERVATIVE PARTIES OPPOSED RESOLUTION.
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TION AS BEING ILLEGAL. SUPPORTERS ADMITTED IT PROB-

ABLY IS UNLAWFUL, BUT WILL REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL AND
IF COURT STRIKES IT DOWN AS RESULT OF FORMAL COMPLAINT.

3. COMMENT: RESOLUTION LIKELY TO HAVE LITTLE IMME-
DIATE EFFECT (SEE REFAIRGRAM). HOWEVER, IT IS A CLEAR
GAIN IN THE CAMPAIGN OF LOCAL UFW REPRESENTATIVE TO
REVIVE SWEDISH SUPPORT FOR BOYCOTT. RECENT APPROVAL
OF CONSUMER BOYCOTT BY AFL-CIO LIKELY TO FACILITATE
ADOPTION OF SIMILAR TACTICS BY EXPANDING NUMBER OF
TRADE UNIONS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. PRESAGES IN-
CREASED UFW ACTIVITY IN THE FALL WHEN U.S. GRAPES
AND LETTUCE AGAIN APPEAR IN QUANTITY ON SWEDISH MARKET.
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